

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 23 public bills, H.R. 5038–5061; 1 private bill, H.R. 5062; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 102; H. Con. Res. 488–489, and H. Res. 761, 763–764, were introduced. **Pages H6996–97**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H6997**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1151, to provide that transit pass transportation fringe benefits be made available to all qualified Federal employees in the National Capital Region; to allow passenger carriers which are owned or leased by the Government to be used to transport Government employees between their place of employment and mass transit facilities (H. Rept. 108–673);

H.R. 5041, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 108–674). **Page H6996**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Biggert to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6903**

**Chaplain:** Today's prayer was offered by Rev. David O. Jones, Headmaster, Heritage Covenant Schools in Franklin, Tennessee. **Page H6903**

**Anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001:** The House agreed to H.Res. 757, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on the anniversary of the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11, 2001, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 406 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 431. **Pages H6906–21**

The resolution was considered under a unanimous consent agreement reached on Wednesday, September 8.

**Moment of Silence in Commemoration of the 9/11 Terrorist Attacks:** The House observed a moment of silence to commemorate the anniversary of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. **Page H6921**

**Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act of 2003—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House rejected the Hill motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 203 yeas to 216 nays, Roll No. 432. The motion was debated yesterday, September 8. **Page H6921**

**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, September 8:

**Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act:** S. 2634, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to support the planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies, to provide funds for campus mental and behavioral health service centers, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 352 yeas to 64 nays, Roll No. 433. **Pages H6921–22**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to amend the Public Health Service Act to support the planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies, to authorize grants to institutions of higher education to reduce student mental health and behavioral health problems. **Page H6922**

**Department of Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations Act for FY 2005:** The House passed H.R. 5006, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 388 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 440. The bill was also considered yesterday, September 8. **Pages H6922–32, H6932–81**

Agreed by unanimous consent to limit the amendments offered and the time for debate on such amendments. **Page H6932**

Agreed to:

Garrett amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of September 8) that prohibits funding for the attendance of more than 50 Federal employees at that agency at any single conference occurring outside of the United States; **Page H6946**

Neugebauer amendment that prohibits the use of funds for NIMH to fund grant numbers MH054142 and MH064527; **Pages H6946–51**

Obey amendment that prohibits the use of funds to enforce a Labor Department final rule which went into effect on August 23 regarding overtime protection (by a recorded vote of 223 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 434) (earlier a point of order on the amendment was overruled by the Chair); **Pages H6922–32, H6951**

Kildee amendment that prohibits the use of funds for the Secretary of Education to administer or pay any special allowance under sections of the Higher Education Act of 1965 pursuant to provisions of the

regulations of the Department of Education (by a recorded vote of 413 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 436); and

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King of Iowa amendment that prohibits the use of funds by the Department of Education in contravention of sections of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Responsibility Act of 1996. Pages H6964–65  
Rejected:

Tancredo amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of September 8) that sought to prohibit the use of funds to pay salaries and expenses of personnel to carry out the section of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 that deals with federal reimbursement of emergency health services furnished to undocumented aliens;

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Hayworth amendment (No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of September 8) that sought to prohibit the use of funds to enforce a National Labor Relations Board decision dealing with jurisdiction over Indian tribes (by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 435);

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Stark amendment that sought to reduce the funding for General Departmental Management for the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services (by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 216 noes, Roll No. 437);

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Paul amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of September 8) that sought to prohibit the use of funds to create or implement any new universal mental health screening program (by a recorded vote of 95 ayes to 315 noes, Roll No. 438); and

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Hayworth amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds for the Commissioner of Social Security or the Social Security Administration to pay the compensation of employees of the Social Security Administration to administer Social Security benefit payments under a totalization agreement with Mexico which would not otherwise be payable but for such agreement (by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 225 noes, Roll No. 439).

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Withdrawn:

Bordallo amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the use of funds to enforce the limitations under section 1108 of the Social Security Act on the amount certified for FY05 with respect to title XIX of the Act with respect to Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands;

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Oberstar amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to add a new section to the bill regarding fatal chronic illnesses;

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John amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for Disease Control, Research, and Training.

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Point of Order sustained against:

Brown of Ohio amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds for administrative costs for the collection of monthly premiums under part B of the Medicare program for months in a year at monthly premium rates that exceed the monthly premium rates for months in the previous year; and

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Ramstad amendment that sought to increase funding for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services.

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H. Res. 754, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to yesterday, September 8.

**Committee Election:** Agreed to H. Res. 762, electing Representative Alexander to the Committees on Agriculture and Transportation & Infrastructure.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, September 13 for Morning Hour debate.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, September 15.

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**Amendments:** Amendment ordered printed pursuant to the rule appears on page H6998.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6920–21, H6921, H6921–22, H6951, H6951–52, H6952–53, H6953, H6953–54, H6976–77, and H6980–81. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FINAL REPORT INDEPENDENT PANEL TO REVIEW DOD DETENTION OPERATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on the Final Report of the Independent Panel to Review Department of Defense Detention Operations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Panel: James R. Schlesinger, Chairman; and Harold Brown, member.